

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 are pending, including independent claims 1, 7 and 9. Claims 7 and 8 have been allowed, and dependent claims 6 and 12 were found to contain patentable subject matter. The remaining claims have again been rejected on the basis of prior art.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time in conducting the telephone interview with Applicant's undersigned attorney on May 13, 2005, and, particularly, the Examiner's helpful suggestions on possible claim amendments to overcome the cited art. Applicant believes the proposed amendments are in accordance with the telephone interview and submits that the claims, as amended, are patentable over the cited art.

Accordingly, Applicant requests entry of the proposed amendments and allowance of this application. If the Examiner believes the application still is not in condition for allowance, he is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney at 312-321-4723 to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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